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Civil Justice

Provision for punkahs in the Court-houses in Civil Courts.

*1134 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) for what period in a year provision is made for punkahs for the members of the Bar in the Court-houses in the various Civil Courts in the Presidency outside Madras, and what is the provision;

(b) whether it is a fact that in South Kanara there is provision for punkahs only for four months in the year in the Sub-Court and District Court whilst there is no such provision in the other Civil Courts of the district for any period;

(c) whether it is a fact that in all the said Courts provisions for punkah is made for the Munsif or Judge as the case may be for all the year round;

(d) if so, why this distinction is made; and

(e) whether the Government will call for a report for the whole Presidency (outside Madras) and for South Kanara in particular as regards their needs in this matter and place it on the Council table?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d) The Government have no information.

(e) The Government do not consider it necessary to call for a report.

Forests

Extent of cultivable lands in South Kanara district.

*1135 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the total extent of Government land talukwar in the district of South Kanara now lying fallow, but fit for wet cultivation or for bagayat (i) in reserve forests, (ii) outside;

(b) if figures are not available, whether Government will obtain and place them on the table of the House; and

(c) whether Government have any comprehensive proposals to settle (i) the educated unemployed of the district and (ii) the depressed classes, on such lands, by financing the scheme by loans and also giving expert advice and help of the Agricultural, Co-operative and Public Health departments?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government are unable to supply the information.

(c) No.

Propagation and development of the lac industry.

*1136 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what is the position of the propagation of lac and the development of the lac industry in the Madras Presidency; and

(b) what attempts have been made and are being made to develop them?

A.—(a) & (b) Experiments on lac cultivation have been commenced in this Presidency in the Kurnool, Palghat and North Salem divisions. The Member of the Legislative Council is referred to the report of the Minor Forest Products section of the

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Department at pages 229–30 of Volume II of the Administration Report for 1926–27 which gives a statement of the work carried on in the cultivation of the industry by the Forest Department.

A copy of the report [a] on the work carried on during the year 1927–28 is appended.

The Government have recently deputed the Deputy Forest Utilization Officer who has made some study of the subject in Mysore for the study of lac cultivation in Bihar and Orissa.

Stamps

Sale of court-fee stamps up to Rs. 100 through stamp-vendors.

*1137-A Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the report called for from the Board of Revenue regarding the sale of court-fee stamps up to Rs. 100 through stamp-vendors referred to in the answer to question No. 246 answered on 8th September 1928 has been received;

(b) what the opinion of the Board is on the subject; and

(c) whether the Government have arrived at any decision thereon and what it is?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Board's report has been received and is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"For how long has it been under consideration?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"The Board's report was received only recently."

Sale of court-fee stamps up to Rs. 100 through stamp-vendors.

*1137-B Q.—Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have now come to any decision on the question of selling court-fee stamps up to Rs. 100 through stamp-vendors?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to Question No. 1137-A.

Allowances

City allowance to officers in the Education Department.

*1138 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that, while officers of certain departments posted to the city are granted a city allowance, officers of other departments are denied this allowance;

(b) who are the officers entitled to city allowance;

(c) why officers of certain departments alone are allowed a city allowance while those of other departments are not;

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